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1. EMBASSY MARKET SURVEY OF MARCH 2 SHOWED THE PRICE OF MOST MEATS FELL FROM THOSE REPORTED IN REF A FROM JANUARY 12 SURVEY. PORK FELL FROM 1700 TO 1500 KIP PER KILO, BEEFFROM 2000 TO 1800, BUFFALO FROM 1500 TO 1300, AND DUCK AND CHICKEN FROM 1800 TO 1200 KIP PER BIRD. LOCAL EMBASSY EMPLOYEE CONDUCTING SURVEY NOTED GREATER QUANTITIES OF ALL TYPES OF MEAT WERE AVAILABLE MARCH 2 THAN PREVIOUS WEEK. LOCAL MEAT VENDORS ATTRIBUTE THE GREATER AVAILABILITY OF MEAT TO A RELAX-ING AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL OF RESTRICTIONS ON SELLING MEAT PRODUCTS IN THE FREE MARKET, REPORTED REF B.

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2. THE PRICE OF FIRST AND SECOND QUALITY GLUTINOUS RICE ROSE FROM 80 AND 70 KIP PER KILO ON JANUARY 12 TO 100 AND 80 KIP PER KILO RESPECTIVELY ON MARCH 2. THE PRICE OF FIRST QUALITY WHITE RICE REMAINED THE SAME DURING THAT PERIOD BUT SECOND AND THIRD QUALITY RICE DROPPED IN PRICE FROM 180 AND 130 TO 150 AND 100 KIP PER KILO RESPECTIVELY.

3. THE PRICE OF EGGS, FISH, AND MOST DRY GOODS REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME FROM JANUARY 12 TO MARCH 2. THE PRICE OF VARIOUS VEGETABLES, HOWEVER, FLUCTUATED SEASONALLY. CUCUMBERS FELL FROM 150 TO 100, TOMATOES FROM 400 TO 150, POTATOES FROM 1300 TO 1000, RIBBED GOURD FROM 150 TO 100, AND GREEN SALAD FROM 250 TO 150 KIP PER KILO. ON THE OTHER HAND, FROM JANUARY 12 TO MARCH 3 THE PRICE OF SUGAR PEAS ROSE FROM 800 TO 900, MORNING GLORY FROM 75 TO 100 AND GREEN ONION FROM 350 TO 400 KIP PER KILO.

4. THE BLACK MARKET RATE FRO A DOLLAR FELL FROM ABOUT 1500 JANUARY 12 TO 1440 MARCH 2.
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